

The Bethel News.

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PRICE THREE CENTS.

Useful Christmas Gifts

At this time of year every one enters into the spirit of giving, and this is right for it is "more blessed to give than to receive."

You should select your gifts with a thought to their usefulness, then your gifts become of real value. We have large stocks in all departments, New Fancy Articles, Neckwear, Pillow Tops, etc., Jackets, and Suits this season's styles, marked down one-half price.

Suits and Coats at Half Price.

All of our this season's coats and suits for children, misses and ladies, just one-half the regular price. Here is a chance to save a few dollars, and just when you need the goods.

ONE LOT ladies' coats, novelty goods, three-quarter length, belted back, unlined, regular price, \$7.50; now \$3.75.

ONE LOT misses' coats of heavy zibelin, capes on shoulders, belted back trimmed with black braid, regular price \$4.98; now \$2.49.

ONE LOT coats, ladies' sizes, short and three-quarter length, last season's styles, regular prices \$8.98, \$10.00, \$12.50; now \$2.98.

ONE LOT suits, this fall style of black pebble cheviot, jacket satin lined, silk strapped and trimmed with soutache braid, belted, semi-fitted back, full plaited skirt, was \$20.00; now \$10.00.

ONE LOT suits, ladies' and misses' sizes, last season's style, long and short jackets, some great values, regular prices, \$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00, \$20.00; now \$4.98.

This is but a few of the many bargains we are offering in our suit department.

Children's Fur Sets.

What will please the girls more than a pretty fur set? We are showing a nice line of sets in prices from \$1.25 to \$6.50.

ONE LOT of white Angora fur, neat little collar, satteen lined, round muff, \$1.25.

ONE LOT white lamb sets, neat collar, round muff, curly fur, \$1.50.

ONE LOT chinchilla hare, flat muff, with head and ribbons, wide collar, satin lined, \$2.98.

ONE LOT white thibet, long silky fur, round muff, flat collar, \$3.50.

ONE LOT chinchilla hare, all fur collar with tails, large round muff, very neat and warm, \$5.00.

ONE LOT misses sets of sable cone and kimmer, wide flat collar with cord and tails, flat muff with cord and ornaments, \$6.50.

Towels

These are always acceptable.

ONE LOT damask towels, both fringed and hemmed ends, plain white and colored border, 16 x 32 inches, 12½ cents.

ONE LOT huck towels, hemmed ends, 20 x 37 inches, good weight, all white, 12½ cents.

ONE LOT damask towels, pure linen, hemstitched or fringed ends, 19 x 36 inches, plain white and colored border, 25 cents.

ONE LOT bleached damask towels, hemstitched ends, with three rows of drawn work, 20 x 40 inches, 50 cents.

Many other grades in towels of all kinds, 7½ cents to \$1.37 each.

This is only a few of the many useful things to be found in our large store. We will be glad to see you and show you our line even if you are not ready to purchase.

Our motto:—Good goods at reasonable prices and one price to all.

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Annual Christmas Handkerchief Sale.

If you do not know what to buy for gifts, get handkerchiefs. They are always acceptable and can be sent away at little cost. We have a stock of Four Hundred and Fifty Dozen to select from.

ONE LOT children's plain handkerchiefs in pretty little boxes, three in box, 15 cents per box.

ONE LOT ladies', three handkerchiefs in pretty boxes, fancy linen, embroidered corners, 50 cents per box.

ONE LOT suit cases of handkerchiefs, six in each case, plain hemmed, good quality, 50 cts. per case.

ONE LOT initial handkerchiefs, plain, narrow hem, 5 cents each.

ONE LOT initial handkerchiefs, pure linen, pretty letter, narrow hem, ladies' and men's size, 25 cts.

ONE LOT Bunny picture handkerchiefs in book form with paper covers, 6 different pictures, 25 cts.

ONE LOT ladies' handkerchiefs, 25 styles, plain, lace edged, embroidered corners, 5 cents.

ONE LOT 10 styles, lace edge, plain hem, embroidered, very neat, 10c.

ONE LOT 15 styles, plain linen, embroidered edge and corners, insertion, very neat, 12½ cents.

ONE LOT all linen, plain hem, embroidered, lace trimmed, 30 different patterns, 25 cents.

ONE LOT pure linen, embroidered, lace edge, insertion, 15 styles, all very neat, 50 cents.

We have many other styles at 15c, 37½c, 75c and \$1.00.

Table Covers

We have a good line of tapestry covers, all sizes, pretty colors.

ONE LOT Table Covers of tapestry in greens, browns and reds, pretty patterns, 32 inches square, fringed, 75c.

ONE LOT Table Covers of tapestry in good colors, figured patterns, 48 inches square, fringed, \$1.00.

ONE LOT Table Covers, heavy tapestry, rich colorings, 48 inches, \$1.50.

ONE LOT Table Covers of heavy tapestry, rich colors, Oriental and flowered patterns, 50 inch, heavy fringe, \$2.50.

ONE LOT Table Covers of heavy tapestry, in browns, reds and greens, neat patterns, 81 inch, \$3.98.

Rugs

Any housekeeper will be pleased with a pretty rug.

ONE LOT Moquet Rugs, 18x36 inches, neat pattern, finished end, \$1.00.

ONE LOT Moquet Rugs, 27x60 inches, flowered and scroll pattern, \$2.50.

ONE LOT Moquet Rugs, 36x72 inches, Oriental and flowered patterns, rich colors, \$3.87.

ONE LOT tapestry carpeting samples, 27x45 inches, many colors, finished ends, 75c.

ONE LOT Smyrna Mats, 18x36, pretty patterns, and a variety of colors, 98c.

ONE LOT all wool Smyrna Rugs, 30 x 60 inches, fringed, variety of patterns and color, \$1.98.

All other sizes and prices.

THE NEWS ABOUT TOWN

ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP BY THE NEWS MAN.

Miss Agnes Barton was in Norway, Saturday.

Mrs. L. T. Barker was in Portland, Saturday.

Mrs. E. J. Philbrook spent Monday in Lewiston.

Mr. Eli Stearns was in Berlin one day last week.

Miss Alma Gehring of Portland is visiting friends in town.

Mr. Harry Mason spent Sunday with his mother and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lawrence arrived from the West last week.

Diaries, many styles, at various prices, on Miss Hall's counters.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Tyler were in Portland on business, Saturday.

Mrs. Whidden and daughter, Margaret, were in Lewiston last Saturday.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. F. S. Chandler Thursday afternoon.

George King and Fred Coburn skated to Rumford Falls and back, Saturday.

Mrs. C. M. Kimball made a short stay in the village the first of the week.

Mr. Eli Stearns has been loading another car of apples to go up country.

Mr. Thomas Kendall occupies the house on High street, which he recently purchased.

Miss Daisy Dixon is having a holiday vacation from her work in the News office.

The schools throughout the town will be closed next Monday in observance of Christmas.

Mrs. John Yates and two daughters are visiting Mrs. Yates' mother, Mrs. L. G. Goodwin of this village.

Mr. Chester Wheeler, representing the Bethel Creamery Co., was in Gorham and Berlin, N. H., the last of last week.

Miss M. B. Merrill who has been at Mrs. Frye's for some time, has gone to Portland where she will spend the winter.

Miss Berenice Munce of Berlin, N. H., is the guest of her friend, Miss Agatha Van Heusen, for a few days this week.

Miss Cleo Russell who teaches the grammar school at Welchville, is enjoying the Christmas recess at her home in Bethel.

Miss Barbara Carter and Miss Gladys Wiley came up from Bangor, Saturday, to spend the holiday recess at their homes.

The chair factory was running Monday to finish some special work. A large amount of business will be done there this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Foster are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a seven and one-half pound daughter, who will be called Mildred Dorothy.

R. E. L. Farwell is the man who has all the good things for the Christmas dinner, Cranberries, Grapes, Sweet Potatoes, Nuts, Candy and lots of other things are found at his store.

We neglected to state in the article concerning the Christmas dinner at Pattee Hall, Dec. 27, that there will be no money charge for the affair, but that those who come will be expected to bring some contribution for the dinner.

Thomas Smiley has an attractive line of gifts for old and young. If you cannot go to Norway, order by mail and you are sure of prompt attention.

The News is in receipt of choice selections from north, south, east and west, in answer to the request made for the same in our last issue, and to all our numerous friends we wish to express our sincere thanks. We hope to make good use of them, and will see that they are returned in due time.

Mr. J. C. Hillings was in Massachusetts last week to see his daughter Alice, who is there for treatment. He found her much improved and it is expected that she will return home the last of this week.

Miss Alice Mason who has been spending a few days in the village before her mother, Mrs. O. M. Mason, leaves for Florida, has returned to her home in Berlin.

The Bethel friends of Mr. Albert F. Farwell are in receipt of the announcement of his marriage on Monday, Nov. 28, to Miss Ella Francis Gillis of Cottage City, Mass.

Prof. W. S. Wight arrived from Aroostook county the last of the week, and will spend the holidays in Bethel with his little daughter, Miss Marie, at the home of E. A. Capen.

Those are very excellent suppers that the Grangers at East Bethel are having every two weeks. Mrs. George Hastings has the next one Dec. 29. Plenty to eat, progressive whist, and a jolly time, all for 15c. Better go.

Recent contributions to the Norway Home for Aged Women of Oxford county, are: First Congregational church, Waterford, \$10; Mrs. C. A. Stephens, Norway Lake, \$5; Mrs. Hammond, Paris Hill, \$5; Mrs. Frank Kimball, Norway, \$1.00.

Mr. Fritz Tyler has made a contract with the H. F. Webb Co., whereby he will be in the employ of said company for the coming year. During the next few months his work will be in Norway, but it is understood that his family will reside in Bethel.

Sunday evening, Jan. 1, will be observed by the members of the Epworth League of the M. E. church as roll-call meeting, and all members are earnestly requested to be present if possible, if not, please send something to be read in response to your name.

Mr. Freeland Howe, Jr., of Norway, Maine, has been engaged by the Pittsburgh Filter Mfg. Co., to start in operation and to run official tests on water purification plants which have recently been built for the cities of Gloucester, N. S., Sudbury, Pa., and Monessen, Pa.

If you are puzzled about selecting a present for father, brother, husband or son, read the advertisements of H. B. Foster and F. H. Noyes of Norway. These firms can be of much assistance, as they are extremely prompt to answer all orders received by mail. Why not try them if you want to make purchases in their line?

The opinion entertained by some people that all the progressive farmers in America are to be found in the great, wide West, is easily shown to be erroneous. The fact that the New England Telephone Company within ten months made 6000 contracts for farm telephones, is in itself an indication of the enterprise of eastern agriculturists.

Dr. A. G. Young, secretary of the Maine State Sanatorium Association, has received a letter from Dr. Weeks of Portland, saying that the people of that city have presented a piano to the sanatorium at Hebron, which building is practically completed, and will probably be ready for occupancy by another week. As is well-known, the object of the sanatorium is for the isolation, treatment and cure of persons affected with pulmonary disease, or for the treatment of tuberculosis in the earlier stages.

The sanatorium was built under the authority of an act of the Legislature, by the Maine State Sanatorium Association of which Gov. Hill is president.

First English Christmas.

The first English child to enjoy a Christmas tree was Mary, daughter of Henry VIII, who was afterward known as Bloody Mary. When she was four years old a rosemary bush, hung with red jewels and silver spangles, and lighted with rushlights, was set up in the great hall of the castle, for the amusement of the little maiden who grew up to be such a cruel queen. From this little rosemary bush the custom spread until now no English Christmas is complete without the Christmas tree.

BORN.

In Newry, Dec. 17, to the wife of W. A. Foster, a daughter.

THREE MORE DAYS

Before the Twenty-fifth. Have you remembered every one you should, or are there some Gifts you have not purchased yet? My stock while not nearly as large as it was a week ago, still contains many choice Gifts and we will be glad to show them to you. Below are a few of many dainty articles ranging in price from 10 cents to \$25.00.

FOR LADIES

Watches,
Chains,
Rings,
Brooches,
Stick pins,
Thimbles,
Bracelets,
Gold beads,
Neck chains,
Lockets,
Fobs,
Cuff pins.

Blotters,
Dusters,
Steins,
Handkerchief boxes.

FOR GENTLEMEN

Watches,
Watch chains,
Fobs,
Cuff buttons,
Rings,
Collar buttons,
Scent pins,
Shirt studs,
Watch charms,
Emblem pins,
Locketts,
Gold pencils,
Match boxes,
Military brushes,
Bag tags,
Ink wells,
Pocket combs,
Pocket scissors.

FOR THE SMALL FOLKS

Mugs,
Sets of knife, fork and spoon,
Rings,
Bracelets,
Neck chains, etc.

COMPLETE LINE OF clocks, sterling silver and plated table ware and many fancy articles.

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TRAINS GOING EAST.

	A. M.	P. M.
Island Pond, leave,	6.30	12.35
Gorham,	4.00	8.20
Gilead,	4.25	8.40
West Bethel,	4.35	8.50
BETHEL, arrive,	4.45	9.00
Locke Mills,	4.57	9.10
Bryant Pond,	5.05	9.18
South Paris,	5.30	9.44
Lewiston,	6.05	10.45
Portland, arrive,	7.30	11.30
Boston, via rail,	12.45	4.10
Boston, via boat,		3.00

TRAINS GOING WEST.

	A. M.	P. M.
Portland, leave,	8.15	1.30
Lewiston,	9.00	2.25
South Paris,	10.07	3.22
Bryant Pond,	10.34	4.02
Locke Mills,	10.41	4.12
BETHEL, arrive,	10.50	4.25
West Bethel,	10.57	4.35
Gilead,	11.07	4.51
Gorham,	11.30	5.40
Island Pond,	1.30	7.50
Montreal,	6.50	7.00
Toronto,	7.15	4.50
Chicago,	8.45	7.20

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MYSTERY OF ST. RULE'S

By ETHEL F. HEDDLE

"My dear, my dear! This is very dreadful! But it must be there, Molly!" the Professor cried. "We left it there on the table. You must have forgotten, Lord Cantyre, I think, and put it into your pocket. I am apt to do that kind of thing myself, as David will tell you. I put everything in my pocket. She has told me that she has taken out as many as half a dozen match-boxes, and all kinds of miscellaneous articles. But I didn't do it, for I remember that you were looking at the jewel as we left the room; and yet—of course, if I were mistaken—it is quite possible I was mistaken."

He began turning out his pockets, producing indeed, as he had said, many "miscellaneous objects"; but the diamond was not there, certainly, and Molly put them all back, her hand on his arm.

"It wasn't you, Daddy; it couldn't have been you."

"It is mysterious, it is inexplicable. Examine the window," Marsland said. "No, that's fastened all right. Any gardeners about, Professor? You have a fine old garden, I see."

"No, I only have a man in once a week, and this is not his day," the Professor said. "Besides, he is a most worthy man; perfectly honest. We could not think of him. I have known him all my time here. I have left him alone with cases of most valuable specimens."

"And the rest of you were all in the kitchen putting out the fire?" Marsland continued. "Did nobody leave the kitchen?"

"I left it for one," Bertie announced. "I went up to the attic for the garden-hose. But I hope no one suspects me!" He had flamed up furiously. Bertie's temper was always easily lit. Cantyre laughed carelessly, slapping him on the back.

"Of course we don't! We don't suspect anybody yet, though of course the diamond didn't walk off by itself. What do you think, Marsland? It's a clear case of magic."

"It must have been walked off with," the other said coolly. "Let me see, there are three doors to this room. The door we went out by, leading by a long passage into those stables. You shut the stable door, Professor, for the draught, and it was so dark in that passage that any one could have got in by that large back gate which opens to the front of the house, while you people were all engaged with your fire. That's one possibility; that's the outside possibility, as it were. I do not think we should have heard them. Indeed the gate was open. Then, of course, any one could have come in through the drawing-room. That's possibility number two."

"That's the house party possibility," Bertie interrupted rudely; "that means you or me, Miss Luttrell, for I met you on the stairs with the 'smellings-salts, did I not? All the others remained in the kitchen except Bertie, who went to fetch plumbers, and brought them back."

"Yes," said Eve coolly; "so far as that goes, either you or I had an opportunity of taking the diamond."

"Eve, don't!" The words came with a kind of sobbing breath from Molly, and Bertie turned round on her mockingly.

"Look at Molly!" he cried tauntingly; "I suppose she suspects us both. Out with it, Molly!"

"The third door," Marsland said then, breaking in upon them, "leads into the garden, though I don't think the thief came from there. He could not, if the door is locked, but it is entrance number three to the room. There's just the remote possibility that there was some one in the garden. I say! By Jove, the trick has been done from the garden! Look here! Look at this lock! Look at the door! The lock has been picked, and the thief has come in here, while we were out of the room, and has made off with the stone! It's too late now, I expect, but let's search the garden!" They went rushing out, the Professor with them, but Molly stood on the mat, with the broken lock in her hand. What did this mean? Was it not an unanswerable negative to the dreadful suspicion which had tortured her? Bertie would never have taken the jewel in this way. He would not have needed to break the lock. How wicked she was, how cruel, to have even thought of him for a moment! The garden search was unavailing, though Marsland searched well and long. They went in, baffled, and then the three men put on their hats and went up to communicate with the police.

CHAPTER XIII.
THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THE DIAMOND.

David, Mrs. MacLaren, the washer-woman (who had been also Uncle Geoff's landlady, and who had been summoned to assist in clearing up the debris of the fire), and Bertie, were seated round the kitchen table partaking of a late tea after the events narrated.

David had been considerably shaken by her fall and fainting fit, and she was also abjectly depressed over the whole state of affairs. The destruc-

tion of the china-press, and of the china itself, the destruction of her kitchen wall, the necessity for work-people, plumbers, painters, and paper-hangers in her domain, the thought of the clearing up, and of living meanwhile in what she called "an awful clutter mess and uproar" for a considerable time not to mention the overwhelming news about the diamond, had all conspired to cast David into the very depths of black despair. To say that she was cross, and to say that she was sepiet, is very mild to express David's frame of mind. Her tea-tasted like the waters of Marah to her that day, and her face expressed her feelings.

Bertie, on the other hand, seemed rather excited. The news of the loss of the diamond had gone through the house like wildfire, and they were all aware that Lord Cantyre was at that moment visiting the police-station.

"We'll have the police down the night, looking through a' oor boxes," Bertie said with a suppressed giggle. "I'll have to get up, David, and give mine a tidy. He'll be searching through a' the house, and I've nae doot that we'll baith be suspected. It's an awfu' like thing; and if I'd had any idee o' it, I'd never hae tau a place i' the oot. I dinna ken what my mither will say. Better if I'd bided i' Pittenweem wi' the Provost. Through I'm fond o' Miss Molly."

The aggravation of this speech was really more than David could stand, and almost caused her to choke with wrath. She put down her tea-cup, regarding the damsel with burning eyes.

"You and we'll be suspected? I like your impudence! And ye dinna ken what your mither will say? Putting me in the same breath as yourself!"

"We've yet to get to the root o' the matter. The gentlemen were asking me if there had been any strangers i' the house within the last week, and of course I told them no. Ye see, it's the business o' the broken lock. I never gang near that door to lock it o' nights, when I dae the rest, for it's aye kept locked, and there's nae workmen been here to my knowledge, as I told them. And the Professor has done without a bottle-washer for five days noo. So, as I was saying—What's the matter wi' the lassie noo? Sure as dait, Bertie, you're possessed the day!"

"David!" and Bertie leapt to her feet, cupping the entire contents of her cap over the table-cloth as she did so. "There was the glazier from MacLaren's! I forgot all about him till this minute! And he never came back! The glazier that was ordered to come in to mend the broken pane i' the library door yesterday?"

"What glazier? What broken pane?" demanded David, too much appalled to make any comment yet upon the stream of tea which was trickling into her lap, and had entirely submerged her toast. "I've heard tell o' no glazier, and there was none ordered to come here to my knowledge. Ye're dreaming, lassie!"

"I'm no," Bertie cried; "he was here the afternoon that you gaeed out! Rather a queer-looking carle, as I thought at the time; and he didna speak quite like any o' St. Rule's men. He said he had come to mend the broken pane i' the door—there is a pane cracked, David—so I just showed him in, and after a wee I met him comin' oot, and he said his pane was too sma', and he would come back to-day."

"And ye never spoke o' that till this minute! Ye're a black-dyed sinner, Bertie, nae mair and ye less! But you'll come straight wi' me this minute, and tell Miss Molly and the Professor."

Bertie, unrepentant, but very much excited, accompanied the old woman then to the drawing-room, where Molly and her cousin sat alone, Professor Luttrell having retired to the laboratory as usual.

Both the girls looked up and listened intently when David told her story. Eve's heart sickened within her as she heard. This was Uncle Geoff, she told herself. He had not left for Dundee. Molly, on her part, listened with an intense feeling of relief. How wrong she had been to think of Bertie—given for a moment to have suspected him! She longed for him to return; she felt as if she owed him a reparation, and apology, though it would not do, of course, to let him ever see again that she had suspected him. He had been passionately angry before at the very notion.

"I think this is rather important, David," she said gently, "and we will tell Lord Cantyre and Mr. Marsland when they return. Bertie must describe the old man very carefully. It is certainly a great pity that she did not tell you on your return that the man had been here, but she did not, of course, know how important it was."

"I suppose so," Eve was standing at the window, looking out into the soft darkness of the garden, where the great clumps of ivy on the grass made violet-black shadows here and there. "It certainly looks very suspicious—still, one never knows. It is not safe to make too sure."

"But this man must have had something to do with it. It was clearly he who broke the lock," Molly said. "The putting in of the pane was a fraud, for he did not put one in."

"Yes, yes, of course! The thing will be to find him. It is a horrible affair!" the girl cried suddenly, turning round. "I had a presentiment of evil from the very first about this diamond. Why did he bring it here at all? Things like this affect every one. We shall live in an atmosphere of suspicion and distrust now till it is all cleared up. Do you think, Molly, that the police here are clever? Do you think that they will get on the track of this man?"

Her voice was strangely anxious; Molly did not quite understand the tone of painful eagerness.

"I hope so," was all she said.

And then the bell rang, and David

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but what right has he to be glum? Every one says he'll get on and get a Chair; that book of his created quite a sensation, I was told. And he is engaged to Molly! Now it's just this, and it's what occurred to me to-night when I mentioned Molly's name to him—I don't believe Cameron cares for Molly in the right way! I really don't."

"I don't see how you can judge, I don't see how you can pretend to judge. He is not a man to wear his heart on his sleeve," Eve flashed out indignantly. She had got to her feet, and there was a crimson flush on her cheek. "You must never say such things, Bertie. You must never hint them."

"Oh, I don't intend to!" he said. "I've a jolly sight more to think of. But I merely made the remark. He doesn't talk of the girl he loves." "I was not aware that fellows usually talked much—that is to say, the ordinary public—the girls they loved."

"I am not the 'ordinary public'!" Bertie cried indignantly. "And, after all, Eve, you girls don't know a bit how fellows talk."

"Perhaps not. But you are mistaken, of course you are mistaken in this," she said, and then lifted her shawl and walked halfway across the room. "Good-night, Bertie! Don't mention your ghost-hunting to Molly, or to David, or they will be down upon me. And don't—but of course you never would mention that ridiculous notion of yours to any one else."

He merely nodded, his hands in his pockets, and then she went lightly up the shallow old stairs, where the moonlight was flooding the great stained window, and shining through the roofless ruins on to the gravestones on the chapel walls and floor. She stood and looked, and her eyes darkened.

(To be Continued.)

BUBBLES.

A dictionary isn't much good unless it is a pronounced success.

"The Brook" is an appropriate poem to have running in your head.

"Divorce" is the drama in which the largest numbers of actors have appeared.

A musician doesn't seem to be a pronounced success unless his name isn't.

It's a shrewd man that can get the best of a wife who is a shrew.

Unlike the housemaid, the auctioneer can knock down bric-a-brac without breaking it.

Japanese Loyalty.

A Japanese murderer, condemned to death, had a dollar left on the eve of his execution, out of money that had been sent him by his friends. The jailer advised him to spend it in one last luxurious meal. But he sent it to the war fund.

Shoes of Algerians.

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One of the cowboys was mounted on an especially ill-tempered beast. He caught the President's fancy on account of his daring and ability. After doing his "stunt" he was introduced to the chief executive, who complimented him on his horsemanship, and inquired: "Do you ride all the time?" Everyone within hearing roared when the plausman replied: "No, I stop for meals."—Denver Republican.

Bill Nye's Cow Ad.

Bill Nye, the humorist, once had a cow to sell, and advertised her as follows: "Owing to my ill-health, I will sell at my residence, in township 19, range 18, according to the government's survey, one plush raspberry cow, aged 8 years. She is of undoubted courage and gives milk frequently. To a man who does not fear death in any form she would be a great boon."

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Striving to Comfort Him.

Fr. Ducey is laughingly relating a recent experience of his. He was walking along 4th av., when he saw a little boy crying. As he stopped to enquire the cause of the tears he was forestalled by a small girl, who asked, sympathetically:

"What ails you, boy? Why are you crying so hard?"

"Because mother's gone to heaven," sobbed the child.

"O, don't fret so," replied the girl, consolingly; "maybe she hasn't."—New York Times.

IN THESE DAYS.

First Deputy—What caused the delay in the execution?

Second Deputy—The Sheriff and the condemned man got in an argument about automobiles.

His Title There.

"My wife and I are going to spend the summer w. i. her people at Strong's Corners," said the meek, little man, and I want you to mail your paper to me."

"Yes," said the clerk, "what's your name?"

"Well—or—to make sure, I guess you'd better address it 'Mary Strong's husband, Strong's Corners,'"—Philadelphia Press.

Two Turn-Downs.

"I voted for you," said Graphter, "and now I'm looking for a job. What are you going to do for me?"

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"But, see here! One good turn deserves another."

"Yes, so does one good turn-down Here's the other, Good-day."—Catholic Standard and Times.

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The Agricultural Department
Strikes Into New Paths.Cocoon Raising Profitable
Small Way.

For many years the Department of Agriculture has been endeavoring in various ways to encourage silk culture in this country, but it has met with little or no success. At the present time every strand of raw silk used in the United States is imported from Europe or Asia. Hardly a thread is reeled in this country; yet the Secretary of Agriculture and the entomologist of the department, believe it is possible to produce in the United States all the raw silk needed, which would result in a saving of millions of dollars annually.

They began their efforts to establish the silk industry in the United States by distributing silkworm eggs and silkworm food (mulberry trees) in different sections of the country where conditions were the most favorable for the raising of cocoons. They then advertised that the department would purchase at the current European market price all the cocoons offered for sale. The business was eagerly taken up by small farmers in the south and west, and the result has been the offer to and purchase by the department of several hundred pounds of cocoons every month. They proceeded on the theory that in order to make a success of silk culture in the United States it would be necessary to pursue it merely as a household industry.

Experience has demonstrated that the business cannot be conducted successfully on a large scale, whereas it can be brought to a profitable point if carried on as a side line and participated in by the children and feminine members of a household. It is estimated that from twenty to thirty pounds of cocoons can be raised in the smallest farm in six weeks' time, on which a profit of \$30 or \$35 may be realized, an amount which would form considerable of an item to many small farmers in this country.

Last summer Dr. Howard made a trip to the silk-raising countries of Europe—France and Italy—and visited a number of large estates, where the raising of silk is highly profitable. In Lombardy he visited an estate of 10,000 acres owned by an Italian nobleman. Dr. Howard also visited all the large silk-reeling establishments of France and Italy, and carefully studied the work. These silk-reeling establishments are called filatures, and the employees are composed largely of women and girls. Nearly all the women and children living in the villages where these filatures are located are employed in some capacity in the silk industry, while the husbands and sons work on farms. Whole families are thus engaged in the raising or reeling of silk. A child becomes useful at the age of five years, and the silk industry is, therefore, a highly profitable one to large families.

Upon his return last fall Dr. Howard recommended that the department purchase a four-basin silk reel with which to reel the silk from the cocoons purchased. In this way the department could provide a market for the cocoons, and the raw silk, sold in the open market, would help to defray the expenses of the reeling establishment.

Two four-basin reels were imported from France, and one of these has been set up in a building in the Agricultural Department grounds, where it is now in full operation. The other has been sent to Tallulah Falls, Ga., where a northern capitalist has purchased a farm of 3,000 acres with the intention of establishing a colony for the purpose of raising cocoons.

It is hoped and believed that from the operation of these two reels many American girls will learn the business of silk reeling. The women employed in reeling silk in the department are the only ones now engaged in the business in this country. They were brought over from France after great difficulty had been experienced in getting their consent to move to America. Both are expert reelers, and their work will be watched with much profit and pleasure by the thousands of visitors to the Agricultural Department.

Dr. Howard has been in conference with the Immigration Bureau officials, and it is expected that an effort will be made to secure a colony of Italians and to locate them on a large farm in California. A firm of Pacific Coast bankers has taken great interest in the silk industry and expressed a desire to become instrumental in fostering the business in the United States. This firm has agreed to assist financially in the enterprise, believing that it would be of value to the western country to establish a colony of silk raisers in the State of California. —Washington Post.

Stalk Leveler.
The frame is made of two pine pieces six inches wide and two inches thick. They are joined together with pieces of old wagon tire, which has been straightened out, and two holes punched or drilled in each end to hold the spikes. The front ends of this tire iron are bent or hooked,

to hold the chain to which the horses are attached. By using this contrivance when the stalks are stiff and hard with frost, they will break off clear and clean near to the ground, and can then be gathered up and burned, or made into manure.

All Run Down

THIS is a common expression we hear on every side. Unless there is some organic trouble, the condition can doubtless be remedied. Your doctor is the best adviser. Do not dose yourself with all kinds of advertised remedies—get his opinion. More than likely you need a concentrated fat food to enrich your blood and tone up the system.

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In an ordinary family it is easy to manage so that fresh coffee may be made for each meal for which it is used without waste. This is more healthful and quite satisfactory, and quite as economical in the long run as to make so much at first that what remains must be heated over.

Of all cooking utensils the coffee pot is most frequently slighted by hired help, and fortunate indeed is the housekeeper whose domestic can be trusted with the proper daily cleansing of the coffee boiler. If one wishes to save left-over coffee it is better to turn off the liquid into an earthen bowl or pitcher, throwing away the grounds and warming the clear coffee, than to stew over what is left.

It is a mistake to use soapsuds when cleaning a coffee pot; only clear scalding water should be used, and all of the brown film, so destructive of fine flavor, which collects on the inside, can be easily removed by a minute's brisk scouring with a tablespoonful of dry salt and a piece of heavy manila paper. Rinse thoroughly, and dry quickly on a warm griddle, and be well repaid for the little trouble by the improved flavor of your morning beverage.

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We should endeavor to prevent the appearance of disease, rather than to cure it after it has come. Sanitation, not medication, is what will reduce disease among farm animals to the minimum. Disease is by far the more common among swine than among other farm animals in this country. Annually above ten per cent of our swine die of disease. Yet there are men who have raised swine extensively for fifteen to twenty years with as little disease among them as among the best-kept horses or cattle. These men have reared pure-bred swine, and some of them are in the region where corn is largely fed. It cannot, therefore, be said that so much disease among swine is due to in-breeding, or wholly to the large feeding of corn. There is no reason why swine should be more subject to disease than other farm animals. The fact that they are, is because they are treated differently. Their quarters are allowed to become more filthy; they are given drink that other animals would not be expected to use; their feed is thrown in the mud and their own manure; and their shelters are of the poorest description and devoid of all means of ventilation. The men who have raised swine with little disease, have given their swine pure drink, a variety of clean, whole some food, comfortable well-ventilated shelters and clean, dry quarters.

It must not, however, be inferred that there is among other farm animals no more disease than there should be. If more care were taken to provide sheep, cattle and horses with only healthful food, drink, shelter and surroundings, it is safe to say that there would be much less disease among them. The investigations of European veterinarians, and of Drs. Law, Grant and others in this country, have shown that bovine tuberculosis is most prevalent among cows kept in damp, foul, unventilated stables, or upon wet land where the air and food are contaminated. In other words, sanitation and hygiene are opposed to bovine tuberculosis. Nor is this disease an exception. Sanitary measures are the best preventive of every disease afflicting our farm animals.

The preponderance of evidence is that swine-plague, bovine tuberculosis, foot-rot, glanders, etc., are produced by a microbe. However, it has been established without doubt that those conditions which are unfavorable to higher animal life are most favorable to the microbes which are supposed to produce these diseases. Thus, these microbes flourish in water contaminated with decaying organic matter, or in damp, decomposing litter; and while they are not introduced into the system through pure drink or food, they are introduced through foul, dirty drink and food of other than by any other means.

The manure recommended for the prevention of disease would also be desirable were no disease to be feared. It is firmly established that animals in low bodily condition are more subject to disease than vigorous, thrifty animals. That which makes the farm animal thrifty and vigorous, and therefore less liable to disease, also makes it profitable. The more wholesome the food, drink and surroundings of the animal, the stronger its appetite and the more thorough its digestion. It eats well, the excess above the food of support is at the maximum and as this measure the gain the profit is large. As digestion is vigorous the amount of food which escapes assimilation is reduced to the minimum. Where "poor condition" is not allowed to exist disease is scarcely known, and at the same time the animal makes the largest return for the food consumed. While we have need for a hundred veterinarians to each one we now have, their work, as that of the physician of the human body, will be largely in teaching sanitation.

FARM ECONOMICS.

A mixture of kerosene and lamp-black is a good application to keep steel surfaces bright.

If the whiffletree breaks don't throw it into a corner. Remove the irons. They can be fitted to new wood.

The farther you are from market the greater is your need of condensing products by feeding grain to animals.

By keeping the cattle off the pasture one day longer in the Spring you may keep them upon it two days longer in the Fall.

A handy thing to have is a box containing an assortment of bolts nuts, rivets, nails, and a hammer, pinchers and cold-chisel.

The paint brush that proved to be a bargain was cleaned in turpentine each time its work was done, dried, and hung up by its handle.

Diogenes with his lantern could not have found a good excuse for dull tools.

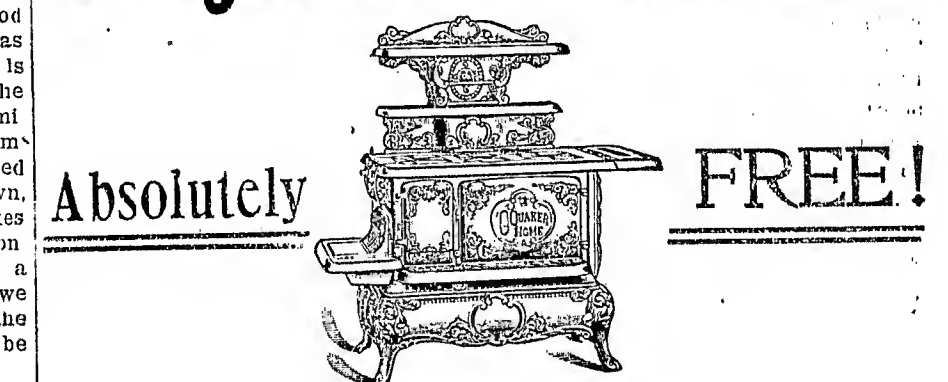
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Christmas Dinner.

"What do you want for a Christmas gift?" This is a question often asked during these days, though the little folks, at least, usually anticipate it by very early making their wants and wishes known.

But "What does the church want?" "What does it need?" These are questions which every church member ought to ask at the season that commemorates the birth of the Christ. And the answer will surely be: "The church needs more of that which Christ came to bring,—Peace and good will." More, because it never can have too much; more, because there is danger of crowding Christ and Christ-spirit out of the individual life and the life of the church as He was crowded out of the inn.

With this thought in mind, the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church, at the suggestion of the pastor, have arranged for a free Christmas dinner to be held at Pattee Hall next Tuesday, Dec. 27, from 11:30 to 1:30 o'clock, for the members of this church and their families. Following the dinner will be "toasts," in which several out-of-town pastors are expected to participate. There will also be singing and a general good time. But the chief object in holding this dinner is, as we have said, for the purpose of reviving and intensifying the spirit which should dominate every heart at Christmas time, and every other time.

It has never been recorded which of the wise men brought the gold, the frankincense, or the myrrh as gifts to the infant Saviour, though these gifts were of such different values from a pecuniary standpoint. And if we, as a church, cannot present to each other gifts of great monetary value, we can give that which is of far greater worth; cordial handclasp, bright smiles and helpful words. The Ladies' Aid Society, together with sister in the church together with their families. And, did you ever hear of people giving gifts in the hope of receiving something in return? Well, that is our desire in this matter. We want all who come to this dinner, to give us, and everybody else, similar gifts. Thus shall we realize more fully the true mission of the church towards its individual members. And thus also shall we realize the wonderful meaning of the song which the angels sang at the Saviour's birth, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Reprehensible.

I do not like the acts some folks perform with far too little rarity, nor can I cherish Christmas jokes, that savor not of Christian charity. But chiefly those remiss I find, and deem their actions reprehensible, who at this season deem it kind to dole out gifts that they call "sentimental."

As Usual.

Micky—Say, Skipsey, what do yer expect to have in yer stocking Christmas mornin'?

Skipsey (mournfully)—Holes!

Sunset Rebekah Lodge.

Sunset Rebekah Lodge, No. 64, is in a prosperous condition, if one is to judge from the number of new members, the increasing attendance, and interest manifested. At the regular meeting, last Monday evening, five candidates were instructed in the degree, making an addition of eight new members during Miss Mae Wiley's occupancy of the chair. After the initiation refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed.

On Monday evening, Jan. 2, will occur the annual installation of officers. This will be public to Odd Fellows and their families, and the Rebekahs will endeavor to provide such entertainment and amusement as will please the members of the subordinate lodge. Lodge will be open to guests at 6 o'clock.

Old People's Meeting.

Efforts are being made to make Sabbath next at the M. E. church an occasion for the ELDERLY people. The pastor will preach specially to them and special music will be provided if possible. Will all those who "used to sing" please meet Prof. Wight at Mrs. S. Little's at the close of the Ladies' Aid meeting on Thursday afternoon of this week, about 3:30 o'clock; and will the regular choir please meet earlier than usual on Sunday morning at the church. We hope that these efforts may be successful and that the day may be of benefit to our older folks.

Our prospective Christmas dinner is written up in another column.

The committee in charge inform me that the entertainment for Monday evening at this church will be very interesting. All the people are welcome.

After many years, another entertainment and tree will be given at the Mason church on Friday evening. A fine program, which will appear in printed form later, is to be carried out. The Mason school, under the instruction of Miss Bennett, and the Flat school, with Miss Ruth Bean as director, will supply the talent for recitations. Singers from Bethel village and West Bethel will assist.

Locke Mills also observes Christmas on Saturday evening by a suitable program.

May Christ give us the true spirit of the occasion, and may all be arranged and carried out to the glory and honor and praise of God in the highest.

Special meetings will begin under the auspices of the M. E. society and leadership of the pastor, on Thursday evening, Dec. 29, with a "cottage meeting" at the home of L. S. Morrill. A detailed list of times and places will appear later.

Christmas services next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

Christmas Thoughts.

We fly high and light exceedingly low if we imagine that we have entered the real spirit of the Christmas tide and appropriately commemorated the birth of the Saviour, when we have made and received gifts, eaten at the specially provided board, sung our carols and exchanged greetings.

All of this is to be appreciated because it is legitimate and gladens many a heart that has too long and too frequently dwelt upon its troubles, and therefore missed many of the blessings that come even to the poorest and unfortunate. And it is certainly to be appreciated in child life and youth which, for the most, under normal conditions, ought to be seasons of unbroken innocent pleasure.

But, to be most significant and helpful in its influences, the spirit must be awakened, the very soul enkindled, and the mind voluntarily and intelligently wend its joyous flight to that humble little village nestled among the verdant hills, vine-clad and dotted with olive-trees and pomegranates in that far away sacred area of Palestine.

It must see once more how from those poverty stricken circumstances among the very beasts of that manger, came one who was to gladden the hearts of men, who was to cheer and bless the world, and impart such lessons of life, that no one need to err in the great essential principles of moral conduct and religious rectitude. How impartial that love, how free to all, irrespective of cast or color or circumstances.

Can such lessons as taught by his simple life, and the great mission which he filled, fall to soften our hearts, make them beat more freely to humanity and to make us strive amid all perplexing annoyances and difficulties to live a good life, devoted to every noble cause, and to respect all human beings as capable of reaching the standard of moral and spiritual excellence which we would choose for our friends or ourselves.

Christ simply illustrated in His own life the great essential principles which are possible for all men to gradually learn to apply to their own life until they become a part of their very being.

With at least some of these thoughts the legitimate festivities of Christmas may be a source of great pleasure and profit.

A. D. C.

MARRIED.

In Oxford, Dec. 8, by Rev. C. H. B. Seliger, Mr. Herbert H. Russ of Rumford Falls and Miss Lillian A. Haines of East Bethel.

Christmas Decorations.

As the holiday season approaches decorations are uppermost in the mind. A false note is too often struck by having the rooms so laden with pine and holly that one experiences a sense of suffocation.

Over arches or doors a thick rope of ground pine is sufficient, and the green can be brightened by branches of holly. Holly wreaths tied with red ribbon will be sufficient for windows. Be sure when selecting the ribbon that it is a rich crimson, harmonizing with the berries. Vermillion color is too often seen and is entirely inartistic.

Charming effects can be produced with little outlay for the table. One dozen red carnations can be purchased in cities for 75 cents a dozen and the florist will add a few sprays of asparagus plumes without extra charge. A heavy wreath of holly will cost 25 cents. Place the wreath on a white embroidered centerpiece and stand the carnations in a green vase in the center, or one can use a crystal jar, or even a white one with delicate ornamentation. This decoration may be the use of a pink, yellow or yellow-green vase or jar. If a little more elaborate trimming is wished, place streamers of red ribbon, matching the carnations in color, at each corner, fastening a spray of holly with perfect berries on each.

It is not every housekeeper who can even invest in a dozen or even six carnations. These can buy a dozen of those blossoms made of French tissue paper which deceive the most observing.

Chrysanthemums and roses are made of paper these days so as to appear as natural as their models. These flowers can be used time after time for table decorations if they are placed in boxes and covered, instead of being left to collect dust and become crumpled. A small sum invested in hot house vines, to mix in, will make the artificial blossoms appear more natural.

The woman who looks far enough into the future and grows dots of crimson geraniums and the silver variety, also, will have a table decoration unequalled in effect by anything purchased. A crystal bowl filled with the red blossoms, having a border of the silver leaves, placed on a circular mirror, will prove delightful. Holly can wreath the mirror and sprigs of this plant be placed at each corner.

A low mound of chrysanthemums wreathed with holly or ground pine makes an appropriate table decoration. The blossoms should be scarlet and white.

Crystal candlesticks, hooded with scarlet, and wreathed at the base with holly, will add to the effect.

Fruit is always an appropriate and pleasant center decoration. A silver dish is preferable. A pretty china or glass bowl lends itself charmingly and the common chopping bowl, filled with winter fruits and nuts, placed in a wreath of holly, will prove a novelty.—Ex.

Modern Christmas.

The gaiety of the "Dickens Christmas" seems to have consisted chiefly of brandy, mulled wine and punch, drunk in enormous quantities; a "good old-fashioned way" of keeping Christmas, the loss of which need not quite move us to tears. When Christmas comes, we eat and drink less than we did; but the meeting of friends, the performance of kindly deeds for others, the greater readiness to forgive and to forget—this is the essence of the true Christmas spirit, and it is as strong to-day as ever.

GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES

Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case, no matter of how long standing, in 6 to 14 days. First application gives ease and rest. 50c. If your druggist hasn't it send 50c in stamps and it will be forwarded post-paid by Parls Medicine Co., St. Louis, Mo.

Ayer's

You can hardly find a home without its Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Parents know what it does for children: breaks up a cold in a single night, wards off bronchitis, prevents pneumonia. Physicians advise parents to keep it on hand.

"The best cough medicine money can buy is Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. For the coughs of children nothing could possibly be better."
JACOB SHULTZ, Saratoga, Ind.

25c, 50c, \$1.00.
All Druggists.

Cherry Pectoral

for
Throat, Lungs

Ayer's Pills greatly aid the Cherry Pectoral in breaking up a cold.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Three firemen were killed, three others painfully burned and property valued at \$727,000 was destroyed by a fire in Minneapolis, Minn., last week.

Philander K. Potter of New London, who was scratched on the hand recently while enlorming a pet dog which he believed to have hydrophobia, is dead after two days' severe illness.

The Doxology has been discarded at the University of Chicago. The faculty has agreed with the students that college songs do more to breed a true religious and college spirit than the chanting of the tenets of Christian belief, and to-day at all chapel services in the junior college the college song Alma Mater was substituted for the Doxology.

President Francis of the World's Fair has written a letter to the governor of each State and territory embraced in the Louisiana Purchase Exposition informing him that the exposition company has decided to present to each of these States and territories the statue symbolic of it, and occupying a niche in the Colonnade of States back of Festival Hall on the fair grounds. These statues are of heroic size and were designed by the best sculptors of the country.

Mme. Schumann-Heink was the recipient of so many flowers, letters, cablegrams and telegrams from sympathizing friends on the death of her husband, that it was difficult for her secretary and maids to handle all of them. Most of the sender's knew Mme. Schumann-Heink's husband and their regrets over his death and their sympathy for her in these hours of her distress were most eloquent. One of the most touching of these messages was the following from the White House:

White House, Nov. 29.
"Mme. Schumann-Heink, Colonial Theater, Boston, Mass.—The President and I sympathize deeply with you in your loss."
EDITH K. ROOSEVELT.

There were also telegrams of condolence from the principals, chorus and employees of the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, Miss Fritz Scheff, Max Hirsch, William Rapp, editor Illinois Staats-Zeitung, and more than 200 others.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. E. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known E. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

WALDING, KINNAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. "Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation."

E. C. Vandenkerckhoven,
ARTISTIC PHOTOGRAPHER,
BETHEL, MAINE

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Want your moustache or hair a beautiful brown or rich black.

WEST BETHEL.

All the Latest News from Our Neighbors.

Merry Christmas. Musical sleigh-bells are heard.

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Many old school readers could find beautiful poems have been served in good condition by owners. We have one published 1837, and another in 1839; a Noah Webster's Spelling Book worn and soiled, dated 1827, contains a few poems. Let help Mr. Bowler all we can for good work.

A Frightened Horse.

Running like mad down street dumping the occupants, hundred other accidents, are everyday occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable handy and there's none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Buy Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles quickly under its soothing effect. 25c at all Drug Stores.

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The several sportsmen who have been in town for some days past, to close time, have returned home, most of them having quite good luck in securing game.

Loren Trask of Newry is in town with his new hay press and a men pressing several large loads of hay. Mr. Trask has a good chine and is giving general satisfaction wherever he goes.

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in the system is nervousness, sleeplessness, or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate Kidneys and Bowels, stimulate Liver, and clarify the blood. It down systems benefit particularly and all the usual attending ailments vanish under its searching thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that it turned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by all Druggists.

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Seven Million boxes sold in past 12 months. This signature, E. W. Allen, on every box. 25c.

Ayer's Pills Sugar-coated, easy to take, mild in action. They cure constipation, biliousness, sick-headache.

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SOUTH PARIS NEWS.

Local and Personal Items From Our Shire Town.

Myron Farnum has been quite sick.

Iva Haggett has returned from a visit to relatives in Lewiston.

Mrs. Hannah Holt and Evelyn Slocum are spending a few weeks in Boston.

Mrs. Frank Clark is clerking at S. B. and Z. S. Prince's, Norway, during the holidays.

Carl Briggs is in Springfield, Mass., for a couple of weeks.

Ruth Tucker attended the launching of the schooner, Mary L. Newhall, at Bath last week.

Wallace Clifford is home from Bates College, and is clerking in F. A. Shurtleff's.

F. A. Heidner of Springfield, Mass., has been spending a week here.

Mrs. Sarah Atkins slipped and fell recently, and broke her wrist.

Marguerite Clifford is home from Bates on a vacation.

Rev. G. W. Hinckley of Good Will Farm occupied the Baptist pulpit last Sunday.

The King's Herald, a children's missionary society of the Methodist church, gave a concert Sunday evening.

The ladies of the Universalist Society will hold a Bazaar at New Hall, March 1, and 2. Committees have been appointed and plans are well under way.

William H. Stiles and wife are visiting in Allston, Mass.

Mabel Ricker of West Paris has been visiting Mrs. J. D. Robertson.

Keith Spofford is home from Dartmouth College for a short vacation.

Bertha Towne of Oxford is a guest of the Misses Iva and Bessie Haggett.

Bertha Andrews is spending her vacation in Lovell.

Miss Lisbeth B. Murphy has closed the winter term of her school in Gilead and has returned home. She will clerk in C. W. Bowker's store during the holidays.

Rev. S. H. Robinson of Gilmanston, N. H., preached at the Congregational church last Sunday.

A large crowd from here attended the Jubilee Minstrels and dance Friday evening.

F. P. Burbank and G. Stuart have been in Gorham, N. H., completing the decorations of the interior of the Congregational church which Mr. Burbank recently built.

Miss Abbie Starbird of Kent's Hill is at home on a short vacation.

William Jacobs and wife visited in Albany recently.

Fight Will Be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall, Miss. has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by all Druggists. Price 50c, and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

NORTH BETHEL.

Miss Gertrude Cobb was at her aunt's over Sunday.

Alvin Chapman is entertaining a sprained wrist, caused by falling on ice.

Mrs. J. C. Eagle called at Mrs. Chapman's on her way to Bethel to care for her daughter who is sick.

Mrs. H. R. Goodwin is still confined to her bed but somewhat better.

Removes the microbes which impoverish the blood and circulation. Stops all trouble that interferes with nutrition. That's what Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will do.

G. R. WILEY.

PARIS.

William Rowe is chopping wood for F. L. Cotton.

Harold Tuttle broke a finger in a mowing machine one day last week.

F. L. Cotton has sold part of his apples to C. C. Colby of Berlin.

F. A. Briggs is sawing fir for W. L. Starbird.

Mrs. Nellie Thibodeau broke a crochet hook off in her hand, a few days ago.

Chas. Edwards has sold 366 bbls. of apples to Mr. Linnell of Otisfield.

Earl Kimball had the misfortune to cut his leg quite severely, while at work in the woods, Tuesday of last week.

Wm. Mason hurt his hand with a chain hook while at work in the woods last week.

KILLS CATARRH GERMS.

Breathe Hyomei and Be Cured of Catarrh—Costs Nothing if It Fails.

Breathe Hyomei for a few minutes four times a day, through the neat pocket inhaler that comes with every outfit, and benefit will be seen at once. Continue this treatment for a short time, and your catarrh will have been cured by Hyomei.

There is no roundabout way in Hyomei's medicinal action; it does not try to cure a disease of the head by putting medicine in the stomach. It fills the air you breathe with balsamic healing, that soothes the irritated and smarting membrane, destroys the germs of catarrh that are present in the head and throat, and is the only treatment that can be relied upon to cure.

When using Hyomei the air you breathe will be like that on the mountains high above the sea level, filled with volatile, antiseptic fragrance that heals and cures the irritated mucous membrane of the air passages.

This treatment has been so successful, curing 99 per cent. of all who have used it, that Hyomei is now sold by G. R. Wiley under an absolute guarantee to refund the money if it does not benefit. You run no risk whatever in buying Hyomei. If it did not possess unusual powers to cure, it could not be sold upon this plan.

The complete Hyomei outfit costs \$1.00 and comprises a hard rubber inhaler, a bottle of Hyomei and a dropper. The inhaler will last a lifetime; and additional bottles of Hyomei can be obtained for 50c.

GROVER HILL.

Fred Wheeler and Miss Mertie Philbrook of West Bethel, were over Grover Hill Sunday.

Mr. Moses Goodwin and crew are to board with A. B. Grover while engaged on Mr. Goodwin's timber.

Mr. I. A. Paine is digging a well on the Walker place.

Miss Alta Whitman was at A. L. Whitman's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole from the village were over Grover Hill recently.

Mr. Henry Verrill, West Bethel, is mail carrier on route number 4, George Bennett having resigned.

School children are enjoying the skating this winter.

Miss Ruth Bean and her pupils are to take part in the Christmas exercises at the Mason church.

Gwendolyn Stearns is at home after closing a long term of school in Dummer, N. H.

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. 25c, at all Drug Stores.

NEWRY.

Eli Stearns and wife from Bethel visited her sister last Sunday.

The people in this place are troubled very much by their acquisitions drying and freezing up. Among the number are H. S. Hastings, A. H. Powers and Frank Douglass.

Adelbert Pennock is staying a while at Fred Taylor's.

Mrs. A. E. Bailey is working for Mrs. Chas. Bartlett who has hurt her arm.

NORTH NEWRY.

Mr. Chas. Kellogg has returned from New York.

W. W. Kilgore was in Berlin last week.

Mrs. George Wight and Miss Carrie Wight were in Bethel Saturday.

Mr. Lee Vall is at work for Mr. Perley Flint who is getting out timber for H. F. Thurston's mill.

Mrs. John Daly of Gorham, N. H., is in town caring for her mother Mrs. Mary Foster, who fell recently and dislocated her shoulder.

Mr. Chas. Demeritt of Bethel passed through town on his way to Errol, N. H., to attend the funeral of his brother, Mr. George Demeritt.

Be Quick.

Not a minute should be lost when a child shows symptoms of croup. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy given as soon as the child comes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. It never fails, and is pleasant and safe to take.

For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tebbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

RUMFORD FALLS.

B. Tremblay has signed a contract with the National hockey club of Montreal, whereby he will play on the team during the winter.

Miss Maude Turner is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents in Brunswick.

Miss Lizzie Norris left the first of the week for California, where her father has a position in a paper mill.

Deputy Sheriff Fred A. Porter, has received an appointment on the executive committee of the Maine State Detective Association.

Messrs. Russell and Jones have this week installed a new ad curtain in Elks Theatre. It bears the picture of a light house and the work has been executed in a masterly way. Many of the business houses are represented on the curtain.

Mr. Washington B. Vanderlip of Ann Arbor, Mich., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph T. Parker. Mr. Vanderlip is a mining engineer of international reputation. He has spent much of his life in the Orient as engineer of large mining companies. He was sent by a Russian mining company to explore northeastern Siberia for gold. He spent three years in that country living among the Esquimaux and has described his experiences there in a delightful book published by the Century Company, entitled "In Search of the Siberian Klondike."

It is estimated by parties who are in a position to know that building contracts amounting to about \$200,000 for the season of 1905 are already made. Foundations for quite a part of this work are either completed or in process of completion.

A Pleasant Pill.

No Pills as pleasant and positive as DeWitt's Little Early Risers. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are so mild and effective that children, delicate ladies and weak people enjoy their cleansing effect, while strong people say they are the best liver pills sold. Sold by G. R. Wiley.

NEWRY CORNER.

Ladies' night, gentleman's night and Harvest feast were observed in succession by the patrons of Bear River Grange. Seven applications for membership were recently received and a special meeting arranged for initiation.

Poor farmers! After much trial and trouble they have but raised their chickens to have them seized by midnight prowlers; not content with chickens, the greedy thieves are appropriating the pigs. One sufferer humorously remarked, "They'll be driving off our cows next."

PARLOR PRIDE STOVE POLISH

LIQUID—READY FOR INSTANT USE

A few drops of Parlor Pride Stove Polish gives the stove a brilliant luster, making the stove fit for the parlor. No soiled hands—easy to apply—always ready. No water used (water used in paste polishes ruins the stove). No dried up paste remains after using a while. PARLOR PRIDE good to the last drop. Sold by all dealers, in Bethel by C. A. Lucas, 31 Main St.

WE ARE READY

FOR THE

HOLIDAY TRADE

We carry an extensive line of Paints, Oils, shelf and heavy Hardware, Crockery, Glassware, etc., to which we have added a fine assortment of

LAMPS, JARDINIERES AND CHINA.

Selected with a view to Christmas buying. On our shelves are

Fancy cups and saucers
Mustache cups and saucers
Dainty Salads
Cracker Jars
Bread and Butter Plates
A B C Plates
Cake Plates
Mugs
Majolica Ware
Jumbo Cream and Sugar Sets
Salt and Pepper Shakes
Gilt Sets
Water Sets

Blue Ware
Grecian four piece Sets
Grecian Water Sets
Individual Tea and Coffee Sets
Tea Pots and Stands
Nickel Crumb Pan and Scrapers
Pigs and Banks
Vases
Rose Bowls
Candlesticks
Ash Trays
Hair Receivers
Bon Bon Dishes

A Fine Assortment of Haviland China.

These goods are all in new designs, many of them Novelties. and we shall be pleased to show them.

Hastings Brothers, Bethel, Me.

WANT COLUMN.

Notice.

Anyone desiring to purchase a large crib in good condition, will do well to address box 164, Bethel, or enquire at the News office.

WANTED—American women between 18 and 30 years of age to work as attendants in the Medfield Insane Asylum at Medfield Junction, Mass., 20 miles from Boston. Wages increase with length of service. An opportunity to become a trained nurse. Address, Dr. EDWARD FRENCH, Medfield, Mass.

AGENTS WANTED, AT LIBERAL COMMISSION

To introduce and sell "Sunshine," the best furniture polish in the world. It sells on sight. You can make money this winter. For particulars write, OREN HOOPER'S SONS, Portland, Me.

WANTED.

We will pay cash for Hemlock Bark delivered at any railroad station within a radius of 100 miles of our factory at Canton. Communicate with L. W. Smith Co., Canton, Maine.

Wanted.

Delivered at our factory the coming winter one-half million feet of beech, birch, maple, oak, pine, spruce, hemlock and fir logs, also five hundred cords white birch. We pay cash.

BETHEL MANUFACTURING CO. P. S. We have a few logging contracts which we will let to the right parties. Inquire of J. H. Barrows at the Chair Factory.

Farm for Sale.

A nice farm situated in Lewiston within three miles of the city, on electric road; fifty acres of land, about equally divided as to pasture and tillage land; has thirty or forty fruit trees; a spring of pure water near house, also nice well water, excellent set of farm buildings including large hen-house, new; cellar under house, all and stable; excellent land to cultivate, and cuts twenty-five tons of hay; early land, and excellent markets for vegetables, berries and all farm produce; never failing brook runs through the pasture. Will sell at a bargain and on easy terms. For particulars inquire of, or address, E. C. BOWLER, Bethel, Maine.

Learn to Dance at Home.

I can teach you to dance by mail. You can learn in the privacy of your own home at a small cost. I guarantee satisfaction. Send stamp for full particulars. Address C. S. LEWIS, 56 James St., Auburn, Me.

Stock for Sale.

I have 12 nice yearling steers, and 5 yearling heifers for sale, also 1 pair of work horses, weight 2050 pounds.

H. S. HASTINGS, Newry, Me.

Wanted. Teachers for graded and ungraded schools. Write to THE MAINE TEACHERS' AGENCY, Bethel, Maine.

Notice. I wish to give notice that I have hired the Blacksmith Shop of J. C. Billings and am prepared to do Horse Shoeing and Jobbing; have had large practice in city work Call and see me.

L. E. BATES, Bethel, Me.

For Sale. A few Golden Buff Rock Cockerels. These are pure blood and come from prize winning stock. Inquire of E. L. ARNO, Bethel, Me.

No. 1, Mechanic St.

For Sale. One set traverse sleds in good condition. These sleds were used but one season and are a good trade for someone. Apply to CHARLES H. GATES, Prospect Inn, Bethel, Me.

Wanted. A situation as stenographer by girl who has had several years' experience. Address W. Care of News, Bethel, Maine.

Found. In Odeon Hall the Friday afternoon of the matinee, a purse containing a small sum of money. Owner may recover property by calling at home of Rev. A. D. Colson.

Wood for Sale. Cord wood, both green and dry. I have wood of all kinds and quantities, in any quantity desired, at from \$4.00 to \$4.50 per cord.

FRANK E. STEVENS, Locke Mills, Me.

Wanted. A situation to do general housework. Apply to P. O. Box 57, Upton, Maine.

For Sale. One Sparkle Coal Stove. A good heater.

29 pd NEWS OFFICE.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of

W. D. HITCHCOCK

HAPPY WOMEN.

Wouldn't any woman be happy, after years of backache, suffering, days of misery, nights of unrest, the distress of urinary troubles, to find relief and cure? No reason why any reader should suffer in the face of evidence like this:

Mrs. Almira A. Jackson, of East Front St., Traverse City, Mich., says: "For



twenty years I was doctored for kidney and liver trouble, but without benefit. Just before I began using Doan's Kidney Pills I was almost paralyzed. I could hardly stand on my feet because of the numbness and lack of circulation. Had a knife been thrust into my kidneys the pain could not have been more intense. My sleep was disturbed by visions of distorted figures. The kidney's actions were annoyingly irregular, and I was tormented with thirst and always bloated. I used seven boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills. The bloating subsided until I weighed 100 pounds less, could sleep like a child and was relieved of the pain and the irregularity of the kidney action. My circulation is good and I feel better in every way."

A FREE TRIAL of this great kidney medicine which cured Mrs. Jackson will be mailed on application to any part of the United States. Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all druggists; price, 50 cents per box.

Mooshead Hermit Dead.

Old John Cusack, the hermit of Moose island, in Mooshead lake, was drowned late Monday afternoon of last week, by breaking through the ice within fifteen rods of the shore.

John Cusack was about seventy years old, and has been known for thirty years or longer as the King of Moose island, of which he was owner and sole resident. He lived by farming, log driving and guiding, and was one of the most peculiar characters in Maine. His expertness with rifle and paddle and as the performer of daring feats on logs in rough water was known everywhere up north.

Disappointed in love early in life he retired to Moose island and there lived with no companion except a dog in a hovel. Years ago he chiseled a tomb for himself in a great stone on the island and there his remains will be laid. His relatives live in St. John, N. B.

RECTOR OF ST. LUKE'S,

Ashburnham, Ontario, Testifies to the Good Qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

ASHBURNHAM, Ont., April 18, 1903.—I think it is only right that I should tell you what a wonderful effect Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has produced. The day before Easter I was so distressed with a cold and cough that I did not think to be able to take any duties the next day, as my voice was almost choked by the cough. The same day I received an order from you for a bottle of your Cough Remedy. I at once procured a sample bottle, and took about three doses of the medicine. To my great relief the cough and cold had completely disappeared and I was able to preach three times on Easter Day. I know that this rapid and effective cure was due to your Cough Remedy. I make this testimonial without solicitation, being thankful to have found such a God-sent remedy. Respectfully yours,

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Rector of St. Luke's Church,
To Chamberlain Medicine Co.
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Zemstvo.

That kinky little word, "zemstvo," which appears so frequently in news from Russia these days, is derived from the noun "zemlia," meaning land and the verb, "voeet," to clamor. Thus it signifies "the voice of the land," and is a council of landed proprietors appointed to deliberate and report to the central executive the wants of the rural population. It is something like an English county council without the latter's authority, yet that is what it now pleads for. The zemstvo was founded in 1864 and Alexander II. intended it as one of the most important of his reforms.—Boston Transcript.

To Cure A Cold In One Day.

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BERLIN, N. H.

E. J. Mahern was called to Boston last week by the death of his wife.

Christian Johnsen and Frederlek Johnsen went to Boston last week to meet relatives and friends from Norway.

Miss Mary Cram daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Cram, of this city, died very suddenly in Boston the 9th.

Cushman H. Parsons of Colebrook who was rescued after wandering two days and nights in the woods in the Phillips brook region, was taken to the Maine General Hospital in Portland soon after being brought out of the woods. Reports from the hospital are most favorable. His feet which were badly frozen are doing as well as could be expected and it is thought he will entirely recover.

A very pretty and simple wedding was celebrated at the parlors of the Universalist church at noon Dec. 12, when Miss Ellen Scarborough of this city was united in marriage to Joseph Streeter also of this city. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few intimate friends of the contracting parties, by the Rev. Isabella Macduff, pastor of the church. The parlors were decorated by the ladies of the Universalist circle, palms and potted plants being used.

Work on the log chute and river wall of the International Paper company being built at the Mason street bridges by Frank B. Gilbreth, will soon be completed. The wall is already in place and about two weeks are thought to be necessary for the completion of the chute. The weather has been very favorable for this work, for though cold no severe storms have occurred for a long time.

The Berlin, N. H., high school building, a wooden structure three stories high, built twenty years ago, but recently remodeled, was burned to the ground Friday night. Only the three pianos, some of the valuable physics' apparatus and a few books were removed. The total loss is estimated at about \$20,000. The building is insured for about \$12,000.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Brooks are the happy parents of a son, born Wednesday.

The new car station or waiting room at the Cascades which is being built by the road and the Berlin Mills company, is nearing completion and will soon be ready for service. A path at present runs across the pond to the mills but this will probably be replaced later with a serviceable suspension bridge leading to the other side of pond and terminating centrally, thus affording easy access to all parts of the plant.

Alfred Dionne has returned from a very successful operation for appendicitis at the Sisters hospital in Lewiston.

Miss May Fink has returned to her home in Iroquois, Ont., after several weeks' visit with J. A. Larochelle in this city.

Miss Mary Seguin who recently was operated upon for appendicitis has so far recovered as to be able to be out again.

W. A. Boothby was in Boston and New York on a business trip the first of the week.

Mrs. John Stewart and daughter, Miss Mary Stewart left Tuesday morning for a visit in Scotland.

H. H. Abbott returned latter part of last week from Portland, where he has been for medical treatment.

No More Suffering.

If you are troubled with indigestion get a bottle of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and see how quickly I will cure you. G. O. A. Thomson, of Spencer, Ia., says: "Have had Dyspepsia for twenty years. My case was almost hopeless. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure was recommended and I used a few bottles of it and it is the only thing that has relieved me. Would not be without it. Have doctored with local physicians and also at Chicago, and even went to Norway with hopes of getting some relief, but Kodol Dyspepsia Cure is the only remedy that has done me any good, and I heartily recommend it. Every person suffering with indigestion or Dyspepsia should use it." Sold by G. R. Wiley, D. W.

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The famous little pills.

SUPERIOR RACIAL QUALITIES.

Difference Between Original Endowment and Education.

While there are superior and inferior races, there are primitive, medieval and modern civilizations, and there are certain mental qualities required for and produced by these different grades of civilization. The Chinaman comes from a medieval civilization—he shows little of those qualities which are the product of western civilization, and with his unattractiveness, routine and traditions, he has earned the reputation of being entirely nonassimilable. But the children of Chinamen, born and reared in this country, entirely disprove this charge, for they are apt in absorbing the spirit and method of American institutions as any Caucasian.

The Teutonic races, until 500 years after Christ, were primitive in their civilization, yet they had the mental capacities which made them, like Arminius, able to comprehend and absorb the highest Roman civilization. They passed through the medieval period and then came out into the modern period of advanced civilization, yet during these 2,000 years their mental capacities, the original endowment of race, have scarcely improved. It is civilization, not race evolution, that has transformed the primitive warrior into the philosopher, scientist, artisan and business man. Could their babies have been taken from the woods 2,000 years ago and transported to the homes and schools of modern America, they could have covered in one generation the progress of 20 centuries. Other races, like the Scotch and the Irish, made the transition from primitive institutions to modern industrial habits within a single century, and Prof. Brinton, our most profound student of the American Indian, has said: "I have been in close relations to several full-blood American Indians who have been removed from an aboriginal environment and instructed in this manner (in American schools and communities) and I could not perceive that they were either in intellect or sympathies inferior to the usual type of the American gentleman. One of them notably had a refined sense of humor, as well as uncommon acuteness of observation."—Chautauquan.

Struck Oil in Kansas.

Some strange things have happened out in Kansas. Oil has been discovered, and men who a few days ago were poor are now rich.

One of the most striking cases is that of a man named Frank Hetrick. He owned a farm near the town of Chanute, and had a hard time keeping the wolf from the door. He can neither read nor write.

His oil royalties now amount to \$800 a month. He has just completed the finest opera house in Kansas. It occupies half a block in Chanute. He said he wanted to leave something for a monument.

Mr. Hetrick gives a box party at each performance, and Hetrick himself is always behind the scenes, seeing how the actors and actresses do things. They are having the times of their lives, and Chanute has become one of the best theatre towns in the west. Everybody has money, and it is flowing like water—or oil.

A widow who has been left 170 acres that, with her limited means of cultivation, barely furnished bread for her family of small children, has sold her place for \$55,000 cash.—Washington Post.

The Meaning of "Turned Turtle."

What do they mean in naval affairs when they say that a ship "turned turtle"? It was used several times in the naval discussions in congress recently, but probably very few people attached any definite meaning to the expression.

When the natives of the South seas wish to capture a monster turtle, two of them get alongside him in a small boat, when one of them suddenly slips down into the water and by a dexterous move of the hand turns him completely over on his back.

In this position the animal is perfectly helpless. He can neither sink nor swim. All the captors have to do then is to hold him on his back until ropes are tied around his neck and he is ready to be taken into captivity.

J. Pierpont Morgan's Cigar.

J. Pierpont Morgan stepped aboard his yacht one day last summer visibly amused by an incident which had just occurred on the pier. It involved one of the magnate's large black cigars, which have already figured in many anecdotes.

"I ventured to ask one of the pier men for a match," said Mr. Morgan, "and in return for his courtesy I tendered him one of the cigars, which I value very highly. He accepted it promptly."

"Thanks to you," he said, "I was just out of tobacco."

"Then he broke it into bits and stuffed it into his pipe!"—New York Herald.

German Silver from China.

"Just because it is called 'German silver' we have grown up with the idea that it is a German invention," says a manufacturer of spoons, forks and other tableware. "As a matter of fact, the alloy was in use in China in the time of Confucius. The Germans stole it and named it German silver. In its best form it is simply a mixture of copper, zinc and nickel, but most of the cheaper quality contains a little lead to make it easier to work. The finest German silver is like a white copper, and is plated with silver. It is very handsome and durable. And it is inexpensive."

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Mr. S. S. Ball, of Ravenswood, W. Va., says: "I was troubled with sour stomach for twenty years. Kodol cured me and we are now using it in milk for baby."

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Pay of Legislators.

"England is the only country where unofficial members are not remunerated. Greece, 20 pounds a month; France, 1 pound a day; Denmark, 16s. a day; Germany, 10 s.d. a day; Austria, 1 pound a day; Belgium, 17 pounds per month; Portugal, 25s. a week; Switzerland, 10s. 6d. a day; America, 1,000 pounds a year, 10d. per mile traveling expenses, and 10s. a week for stationery—these are some of the rates obtaining. Our colonies all pay their legislators, the average being from 4 pounds to 5 pounds a week.—Ex.

DEW DROPS

Weighed down—a pound of feathers. Sunfish are not the only ones called "shiners."

It takes a good deal to make the river's mouth water.

At a horse race people generally enjoy the heat.

Some people are hard to get along with because they are so soft.

"The vegetarian shouldn't marry a woman who would give him 'tongue.'"

When a man is but half a man it may be because his better half is a woman.

Whatever you take on your vacation be sure and take comfort.

Industry is the best tonic for a pocketbook that is too thin.

The girl of the period may not be able to whistle, but she is certainly a hummer.

Seagulls Got Seasick.

A sportsman at Mooshead lake found some young gulls, too small to fly, and took them into the canoe. The birds at first seemed to enjoy the experience, but soon became as seasick as any landsman. After each had sacrificed his latest meal to the sea myths, the sportsman took pity on them and put them back into the water, where they at once settled down as never left it.

The Soap Tree.

An enterprise in Algeria is to manufacture natural soap on a large scale from a tree known as "aspidin" or "aspidin." This plant, which has long been known in Japan, China and India, bears a fruit of about the size of a horse chestnut, smooth and round. The inner part is of a dark color and has an oily kernel. The tree bears fruit in its sixth year and yields from 55 to 220 pounds of fruit, which can easily be harvested.

Sharpening Shears.

Take scissors in the right hand and a needle in the left hand and hold the needle on the slant of the scissors, then work the scissors as if you were cutting cloth. The scissors will glide over the needle and be well sharpened in a few seconds.—National Magazine.

Intermarriage in Transvaal.

"The African Review" says: "In the Transvaal and the Orange River Colony, if the present rate of intermarriage between Briton and Boer is kept up, within twenty years the two races will be so welded together as to be indistinguishable."

Boycotting the Breweries.

Many thousands of workmen in Hamburg are abstaining from drinking beer, using coffee, seltzer and spirits in its place. They are doing this in support of the striking workmen of twenty-two breweries.

Dundee and Aberdeen.

For 60 years Dundee, in point of population, has been the third city in Scotland. The honor now belongs to Aberdeen. The population of Aberdeen is 163,731, while that of Dundee was 163,292.

Disgraced the Uniform.

A shabbily dressed man, wearing a pair of army trousers, was arrested and fined in Stratford, England, for "bringing discredit on his Majesty's uniform."

Public Schools in Japan.

In Japanese public schools instructions are given in hygiene and physiology. A Berlin newspaper remarks that in this respect educational Japan is ahead of Prussia.

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Clarence K. Fox, Bethel, Me.

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Windows Should be Wide Open.

There is the body; the instrument of the mind, which must be attended to quite carefully, or the mind cannot carry out its purposes. The body must be given plenty of fresh air. If it has work in a close, badly ventilated place during the day, it must have more than the usual amount of fresh air at night. The window should be opened wide, even if you have to sleep with your heads turned up to keep warm. So long as the nose and mouth are free for breathing, we can cover ourselves with almost any amount of warm clothing; and to get our lungs used to the fresh air, we should take in or ten good long breaths before going to sleep.

We must always be careful, however, not to let the cold air in our lungs too rapidly, but to let it in with gentle breaths before taking the long ones—always breathing through the nose, and never getting our lungs so full that the pressure of air becomes painful during the day if the work is done in a room that is well ventilated to stop and take one long breath about once in every half-hour will greatly help the restfulness of work. It is often possible to breathe fully and regularly without stopping work at all, and this is always especially helpful.

Walking to and from work help toward giving the body enough fresh air, and, if this is possible, it becomes necessary to take a little walk in the evening or morning, says A. Payson Call in the Philadelphia Press.

We should be careful to see that the body is well nourished. We can nourish our bodies on good food just as inexpensively as we can starve them on food that is good, but does not bring us strength. When the habit is formed of taking only food that refuels us, we gradually learn to dislike others.

It is so much more comfortable to be healthy than not to be healthy that, when one's sense of health is well established, the body will instinctively cast off refuse everything which does not contribute to its health. Eat simply and quietly. Rest a little before and a little after eating, if only for five minutes.

It gives help—very great help—to both to body and mind if, when you settle to sleep at night, you every thought of yesterday, to or to-morrow, and go to sleep much like a baby—as possible. We begin by repeating words are restful or quieting or by thinking over the plot of a simple story, we prepare our minds for restful blanks.

The long breaths are an additional help, and giving up weight entirely, so that we sleep without tension, is the thing that helps us most to all the other restful habits.

If we once get started with interest in finding this way some way of working it will be pleasant to feel the contrast between that and the tired way we shall be almost glad to feel the weight of drudgery become so truly and so healthful the discovery that drudgery becomes easy, and pleasant, and interesting, because of the way we do it.

But then, of course, it will longer drudgery.—Ex.

A Fortiori Hope.

In a Hancock county town school superintendent was addressing the pupils of a school, and awakened the ambitions of boys by asking them if they wouldn't like to be President. Every hand but one was raised and that belonged to a bright fellow of six who began to talk. The superintendent knew well and calling him by said, "Wouldn't you like to be President?" and he sobbed, "But I can't, I'm a democrat."

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In a Hancock county town the school superintendent was addressing the pupils of a school, and he awakened the ambitions of the boys by asking them if they wouldn't like to be President. Every hand but one was raised and that belonged to a bright little fellow of six who began to cry. The superintendent knew him well and calling him by name said, "Wouldn't you like to be President?" and he sobbed, "Yes, but I can't, I'm a Democrat."

HEATING WITH ONE STOVE.

How a Machinist Kept His Whole House Comfortable.

A young machinist bought a tiny cottage and believed that its four rooms could be heated from the cooking range, which had a water-tank attachment. Pipes of hot water were laid and connected with the tank of the range and a radiator placed in each room. An ordinary fire of hard wood was kept in the range and that little cottage was warm and cozy even in the most severe weather of the winter.—National Magazine.

The Faculty of Friendship.

Not many famous persons have the faculty for friendship in old age as Lord Beaconsfield had it. His passion for mastery, his addiction to mystery were rivaled by his immense faithfulness. While he was at Glasgow he was inaugurated lord rector of the university he heard good tidings of an old associate, "Mrs. Disraeli and I," he wrote, "were overjoyed and we danced a highland fling in our nightgowns."

Between New York and Pacific Ocean. From New York to San Francisco by water around Cape Horn, the distance is 15,660 miles; the distance in statute miles from New York to the Pacific Coast by the principal land and water routes are as follows: By Southern Pacific railroad, 3,700; by Canadian Pacific railroad, 3,619; by Central Pacific railroad, 3,269; by Northern Pacific railroad, 3,237.

Magnetic Iron in Sand.

A curious sight on the coast of Java is a long stretch of shore, about twenty-nine miles in length, where the sand is filled with particles of magnetic iron. In some places it is said that the surface sand contains 80 per cent. of iron. It can be smelted, and a company has been formed to exploit the deposits.

Preservation of Corpses.

In recent European experiments corpses have been kept for a certain time in a bath of chloride of calcium heated to 123 degrees, then taken out and steeped for twenty-four hours in a cold solution of sulphate of sodium. The bodies are transformed into perfect mummies, which may be kept indefinitely.

The Primary Colors.

The number of primary colors were regarded by Newton as 7—red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet. By many physicists only three primary colors are recognized; by Mayer (1775), red, yellow and blue; by Dr. Thomas Young (1801), red, green and violet; by Prof. Clark Maxwell (1860), red, green and blue. There are an indefinite number of secondary colors.

Discolored Bruises.

To prevent a bruise from becoming discolored, apply to it a cloth which has been wrung out of water as hot as can be borne comfortably, and change it as it becomes cold. Supposing hot water cannot be procured, the next best thing is to moisten some dry starch with cold water and to cover the bruised part with it.

Courtship by Handkerchief.

Whenever a single woman, among a powerful tribe in the Persian mountains, wishes to get married, she simply sends a servant to pin a handkerchief on the hat of the man of her choice. He is obliged by tribal law to marry her, unless he can prove himself too poor to pay the "compensation" her father requires.—Ex.

Peru, a Wealthy Country.

Peru is one of the richest countries of the world in minerals of all kinds—gold, silver, copper, mercury, iron, lead, sulphur, coal, salt, petroleum, etc. being found in great abundance—and it only requires the action of capital and labor to make the republic as renowned for its wealth as California, Australia or South Africa, says the U. S. consul at Callao.

DEW DROPS

A girl gets a queer idea about men, in spite of having brothers, as men get about girls, in spite of having sisters.

It sends cold shivers down a girl's spine to remember, after she gets in a hammock, that she hasn't got on her best stockings.

A woman will consult a clairvoyant to find out if her daughter is going to marry a millionaire, but when she is suspicious of her husband's fidelity she digs up the evidence herself.

Don Carlos as a Collector.

Don Carlos has spent a fortune on relics. His most interesting collection comprises relics of the various battles with which he has been identified, including a unique set of pictures depicting the engagements in which he has fought.

The Beard and Chin.

To possess a receding chin is no crime. It is merely a sign of weakness. But to conceal it with a huge and bushy beard and thereby to present the appearance of a man endowed with great strength of will is surely a false pretense.

Old Woman of Madrid.

Madrid claims to have the oldest woman in the world—Maria Nieto, who has lived in three centuries, having been born in 1781. She was twice married and had nineteen children, all of whom she survives.

Prussia has 2,033 associations of photographers, with 52,201 members.

WIT AND WISDOM.

A tramp asked a farmer for something to eat. One day as he chanced there to stop, The kind-hearted farmer went out to the shed And gave him an axe and feelingly said: "Now just help yourself to a chop."

When you feel like sighing—sing, Sighing will never pleasure bring, Learn to laugh, you can laugh and laugh right By taking Rocky Mountain Tea at night G. R. WILEY.

When shall we read the book of Nature? When Autumn turns the leaves.

Accidents come with distressing frequency on the farm. Cuts, bruises, stings, sprains. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil relieves the pain instantly. Never safe without it.

Tit for Tat.—The Hon. Edward Everett, when a young man just out of college, was invited to give an oration in New York. At the dinner, Judge Story called up Mr. Everett by the following sentiment: "Fame follows applause where ever it (Everett) goes! Mr. Everett rose instantly, and gave the following: 'The members of the legal profession! However high may be their aspirations, they can never rise higher than one story!'"

Half the ills that man is heir to come from indigestion. Burdock Blood Bitters strengthens and tones the stomach; makes indigestion impossible.

Courtship is sometimes called sparking because the real fire doesn't commence until after marriage.

If you haven't time to prepare Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea, it is now made in tablet form also. Get a package already to use. Makes you well; keeps you well. 3¢ cents.

G. R. WILEY.

Leadville is called a young town because its inhabitants are mostly miners.

It's the little colds that grow into big colds; the big colds that end in consumption and death. Watch the little colds. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup.

It is about an even thing between man and orange peel. Sometimes the man throws the orange peel into the gutter, and sometimes the orange peel throws the man.

"I had a running, itching, sore on my leg. Suffered tortures Doan's Ointment took away the burning and itching instantly, and quickly effected permanent cure." C. W. Lenhart, Bowling Green, O.

Slightly mixed on his phraseology.—He was rich and ignorant, and when he consulted a builder concerning a new house he said: "I want a wide piazzero on three sides, where the children can ride their little cyclopedias and enjoy themselves."

When you want a pleasant purgative try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are easy to take and produce no nausea, griping or other disagreeable effect.

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More wisely than she knew.—Rashful youth—Will you take this chair, Miss Ethel? Miss Ethel—Oh, no. It has no arm. Rashful youth (eagerly)—I shall be most happy—ah—to supply the deficiency, I assure you. And he did.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator with the will annexed of the estate of ANNA S. HARDEN, late of Gilead, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately. Nov. 15, 1904. Henry H. Hastings.

WROTE HISTORY ON A BET.

Wm. H. Prescott's Unique Way of Forcing Himself to Work.

Rollo Ogden, in his brief and very readable biography of William H. Prescott, the historian, cites many passages from the diary showing Prescott's habit of flogging himself to his work by making wagers with his secretaries that he would complete a given task by a certain day, the odds always heavily against himself. "Prescott always took the betting on his own industry with perfect seriousness. Sometimes he would radiantly greet his secretary with 'You have lost! You owe me a dollar.' And he would exact payment. Occasionally he would with woe-begone countenance, produce and pay over to the protesting secretary the \$20 or \$30 he himself had lost." One elaborately made memorandum witnesses that a bet of \$1 to \$50 had been made "between E. B. Otis and William H. Prescott, Esq., the latter betting \$50 that he will write 100 pages of his 'History of Peru' in 100 days."

PITHY POINTS.

Many a rich man has nothing but sympathy for the poor.

If fish could talk anglers would have to revise their yarns.

A summer girl's idea of economy is to make one hammock do for two.

Competition works both ways. It is either the life or death of trade.

Some men would rather tell agreeable lies than the disagreeable truth.

Some men are unable to stand up for their rights because their wives sit on them.

When a bachelor has more money than he can spend he should annex a wife.

Don't be too modest. Because of its modesty the lowly violet is frequently trampled under foot.

Possibly you may have observed that lots of girls marry during leap year who never married before.

Experience is a great teacher, but there are some conceited men who imagine they can teach experience.

Canada's Big Game Region.

The eyes of the world lately have been more and more directed to the extraordinary wonderland of the Canadian Rocky Mountains, to which tourists of wealth and fashion are now flocking.

In these forests and over these mountains roam the biggest game to be found on the continent, the grizzly and black bear, the panther, the lynx, elk, moose, deer, caribou and Rocky Mountain sheep and goat, and the innumerable lakes are at seasons almost covered with ducks, geese and swans. A hundred lodges in this vast wilderness offer their hospitality to the hunter, and from any of them he can set out with a guide and be sure of meeting with bighorn, grizzly or panther if he can stand the fatigue of the trail.—The Independent.

A Very Dangerous Trade.

The dangers of work in a white lead factory are interestingly described by a medical authority in a discussion of the causes and effects of lead poisoning. Most of the cases occur among the workers in the department where the preparation of the carbonate of lead is carried on by what is called the "Dutch process"—in which the lead, in sheets, is placed on the top of pots filled with acetic acid, and converted, and finally decomposed by carbon dioxide emitted by tar. In moving the carbonate, clouds of white lead dust are easily caused by the workmen; and in spite of the respirators worn by them much of the poison is taken into the system.—Harper's Weekly.

Moon's Distance from Earth.

The mean distance of the moon from the earth is 238,850 miles. The maximum distance, however, may reach 262,830 miles, and the least distance to which it can approach the earth is 212,520 miles. The moon's diameter is 2162 miles, and if we deduct from its distance from the earth the sum of the two radii of the earth and moon, viz, 3962 and 1081 miles respectively, we shall have for the nearest approach of the surface of the two bodies 216,477 miles.

Didn't Feel That Way.

A Scottish singer named Wilson was being trained for professional singing. One day he sung a love song with exquisite quality of voice, but with insufficient passion and expression. His teacher told him he must put more feeling into it and sing as if he were really in love. "Oh, man," he replied, "how can I do that and me a married man?"

Few Americans in Manila.

The Manila Board of Health estimates the population of Manila, basing its figures on the preliminary rough count of the census of 1903, at 219,041. The Americans number 4,389; the Spaniards, 2,528; other Europeans, 1,117; Filipinos, 189,732; Chinese, 21,230; all others, 935.

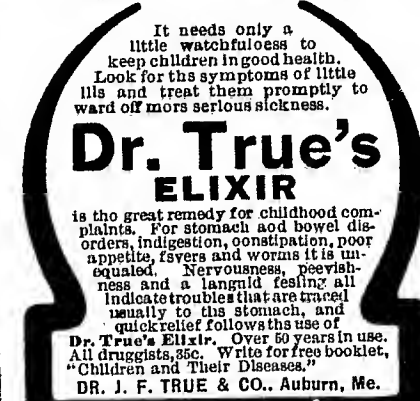
New Deposits of Fuller's Earth.

Steps are being taken to develop valuable deposits of fuller's earth near Buelah, Pueblo County, and near Akron, Washington County, in Colorado. The few deposits of this substance already located in the Centennial State are said to be among the purest found anywhere in the world.

Jap Soldiers in Winter.

No troops are better equipped for a cold campaign than the Japanese.

Healthy Children



His Christmas Surprise.

How a Wall Street Employee Was Rewarded for Years of Faithful Service.

In a large New York business institution there was an employee whose Christmas gift had the saving grace of individual consideration. He was a bookkeeper, nearly 40 years in harness, and he had been overlooked in former years of fatness in Wall street, except for a customary and unvarying \$10 gold piece, says the Detroit Free Press. Several days before Christmas last year the office became agitated with rumors of an unprecedented flood of good fortune. The old bookkeeper tried to keep calm, but his hopes ran riot, and the day before Christmas found him in a nervous flurry. He saw his fellow employees called into the cashier's office one by one, each returning with a sealed envelope. The bookkeeper waited for his summons, but it came not, says the World's Work. Even the office boy emerged, biting new gold pieces to test them, and the roll was complete an hour before the bookkeeper summoned courage to send in an inquiry whether a mistake had been made in the case of Mr. Blank, and whether an envelope had been overlooked. The answer was: "There is no envelope for Mr. Blank, but the president wishes to see him for a moment."

The bookkeeper saw only one interpretation. This meant his discharge for failing efficiency. He fairly tottered into the sanctum, a pitiful figure of pauc fear.

"Sit down, Mr. Blank," said the president. "I have omitted your name in the list of Christmas rewards for faithful service, and I regret that the bank will have to find another man to fill your position after to-morrow. Compose yourself, sir, tears are undignified in this office. You should know better after being here for so long a term of service. Don't go. I have a few words more to say before you leave. The directors have decided to retire you on full pay for the rest of your life, and the year's salary will be paid to you in advance. This does not establish a ruinous precedent, for employees with 38 years of faithful service to their credit are not sprinkled very plentifully through Wall street."

Beware of Counterfeits.

"DeWitt's is the only genuine Witch Hazel Salve" writes J. L. Tucker, of Centre, Ala. "I have used it in my family for Piles, Cuts, and Burns for years and can recommend it to be the best Salve on the market. Every family should keep it, as it is an invaluable household remedy, and should always be kept on hand for immediate use." Mrs. Samuel Gage, of North Bush, N. Y., says: "I had a fever sore on my ankle for twelve years that the doctors could not cure. All salves and blood remedies proved worthless. I could not walk for over two years. Finally I was persuaded to try DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which has completely cured me. It is a wonderful relief." DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cures without leaving a scar. Sold by G. R. Wiley. D. W.

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MICA, ITS VALUE AND USES.

Few Localities Produce Mica of Marketable Worth.

The value of mica is subject to market conditions. It is used mostly for doors of stoves, sides of lanterns and to some extent for insulating purposes in electrical work. Ground mica is used in the manufacture of wall paper. Large quantities are mined. There are few localities where merchantable mica are found, the present supply being particularly confined to North Carolina. Extensive mines were discovered in Mitchell County in that state in 1897.

Helping the Needy.

A lady who was very pertinacious in collecting money for charitable and other funds once wrote to a certain duke intimating that she had taken the liberty of putting down his name for a contribution of £100 for a hospital in which she was interested. The duke replied, "Dear Madam—I have just taken the liberty of putting down your name for a contribution of £100 for a hospital in which I am interested, so no money need pass between us."

Korean Postage Stamps.

The war has made a boom in Europe for Korea postage stamps. Japan established a postal system in Korea in 1884, but the stamps of the first issue are now very scarce, as the Koreans burned up most of it by setting fire to the post office at Seoul, as a protest against the innovation. Another issue was not made for ten years.

Character in the Chin.

A certain mold of chin betrays its owner as a man of considerable homicidal tendencies. Cover the lips with a waterfal mustache, drape the chin with an Assyrian beard, and it may well be that this murderous monster is a pleasing enough fellow to view. Such an one does not venture to pass clean-shaven through our streets. Let each one of us present in all candor such features as are his.

The Omnibus Bill.

"Omnibus bill" was the name generally given to a series of compromise measures embodied in one act and introduced in the U. S. senate by Henry Clay on January 29, 1850. It provided for the admission of California, Utah and New Mexico, for the abolition of the slave trade in the district of Columbia, and for the more speedy and certain return of fugitive slaves.

POINTERS.

The fool and his money are as easily parted as the wise man and his umbrella.

A beautiful woman may say anything; but happily she mostly doesn't know how.

Often by the time a man gets any laurels to rest on he has contracted chronic insomnia.

It is a decadent freedom which instead of shrieking in a crisis is content with leave to print.

The depraved appetite is only what might be expected with the art of cookery holding the mirror up in the way best calculated to get nature thoroughly confused.—Puck.

Curious Burial Rule.

The following curious rule appears under paragraph 68 of the municipal regulations governing burial at Glessen, Hesse: "Interments are only permitted after death has taken place. In all other cases a certificate signed by the mayor is required."

Number of Visible Stars.

"If we ask a person to estimate the number of stars visible on a clear night," says Houzeau, "we shall have an exaggerated answer, the actual number only being a little over 300."

Water for the Horse.

A horse in good condition can exist about 25 days without food, so long as he has plenty of water. If he has food without water five days would probably end his existence.

Big Profit on a Farm.

After clearing a net profit of about \$500 on his crops, C. W. Poindexter of Wilton, Me., has sold for \$4,200 a farm which he bought a year ago for \$3,200.

Egg Laying Competition.

Four hundred and twenty hens took part in an egg laying competition in Sydney, extending over 12 months. In all 68,572 eggs were laid, and the prize was won by a pen of Wyandottes with an average of 218 per hen.

Ancient Handcuffs.

Luther Wilcox of Portland, Conn., while plowing one of his fields unearthed a pair of handcuffs between 60 and 80 years old. The cuffs are coupled by a chain and can be tightened or loosened by a screw.

Stop Roosters' Crowing.

A Lowell, Mass., woman has complained to the board of health of that city asking the board to stop the roosters from crowing because she cannot sleep.

Ale in Church Masonry.

A bottle of ale was found imbedded in the mason work of a church erected in 1859 at Orange, N. J., and which has just been torn down.

Violent Death the Rule.

Of the 38 sultans who have ruled the Ottoman empire since the conquest of Constantinople by the Turks 34 have died violent deaths.

Christmas Presents.

For men and boys in abundance at this store. A large and complete stock of Men's wearables, makes it easy to select your

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To facilitate your buying, we shall keep the store open every evening until Christmas. Below we mention just a few items from our stock.

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For men and boys. Wool Gloves in many weights, plain or fancy, 25 cents and 50 cts.

Kid and Castor Gloves, lined or without, 50 cents to \$1.00.

Reindeer Gloves in tan shades, with lamb, squirrel or opossum lining, \$2.00 to \$3.00.

Heavy Fur Lined Driving Gloves, \$2.00 to \$2.75.

Sweaters

Are almost indispensable to every man.

Plain black, gray and white Sweaters for men, from \$1.00 to \$6.00.

Plain bodies, with different colored collars and fancy weaves \$2.00 to \$5.00.

Cardigan Jackets, \$1.00 to \$4.50.

Umbrellas

Are useful always. Our stock comprises all kinds of good Umbrellas, all qualities between 50 cents and \$5.00.

House Coats

Make a desirable gift. Our stock of these coats shows unusual values. Blue, brown and oxford coats trimmed with fancy lining for \$5.00 each.

Bath Robes

Are in demand for Christmas. We have a large line of these garments. Brown and gray mixed robes for \$3.50. Several patterns of gray for \$5.00. Gray and green patterns for \$6.00.

Neckwear

For Christmas in a host of attractive styles. All are here, Teeks, Four-in-hands, Bows and all the rest in beautiful color combinations, 25 cents to 50 cents.

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GILEAD.

Dr. Marble was in town Monday. J. W. Bennett has returned from the West.

Miss Connie Bennett has returned home from her visit to Gorham. Chester Wheeler of Bethel visited friends in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Newell visited their son Elmer and family in Gorham last week.

Jack McBride had the misfortune to fall and break his right wrist last Tuesday.

J. W. Bennett's dog, Max, got caught on Wild River bridge by the 11 o'clock express last Tuesday, and was so badly injured he had to be killed.

The aqueduct at J. M. Newell's is frozen and they have to draw water from G. H. Coffin's for all their cattle and household purposes.

Miss Mae Walker of Gorham is visiting Mrs. Josephine Wheeler.

The school on the north side of the river closed last Friday, and the teacher, Miss Murphy, has returned to her home in So. Paris.

A small deer recently appeared in B. S. Burbank's dooryard. Seeing a dog, it ran up against the barn and from there down on to the interval where Mr. Orison Griffin shot it. He very generously furnished dinner for his neighbors from the carcass.

The Worthy Master of Mountain View Grange goes to Lewiston to attend the State Grange.

Mr. George Leighton is building a dam on Wight Valley Brook to provide water with which to drive his logs to the river.

The Mountain Bells met with Mrs. Decoster, Thursday.

Mr. Edson Lary has bought a house formerly owned by Mr. Ladd. Mr. and Mrs. Ladd returned to Canada Saturday.

Alva Bryant and friend who have been camping at Camp Harwood on Lary brook, returned home Tuesday, taking four deer with them.

Mr. and Mrs. William Watson of Gorham, N. H., were in town Monday, distributing books, Mrs. Watson being an agent.

Mothers, Be Careful

of the health of your children. Look out for Coughs, Colds, Croup and Whooping Cough. Stop them in time—One Minute Cough Cure is the best remedy. Harmless and pleasant. Sold by G. R. Wiley.

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A Christmas Thought.

What is the thought of Christmas?—Giving.
What is the heart of Christmas?—Love.
What is the hope of Christmas?—Living.
What is the joy of Christmas?—Love.
No silver or gold is needed for giving, if the heart is filled with Christmas love.
For the hope of the world is kindly living, Learned from the joy of God above.

—Sel.

Christmas at the Universalist Church

A very interesting program is being arranged in observance of the Christmas-tide. On Saturday evening, Dec. 24, at 6 o'clock, a bountiful supper will be served free in the chapel to the members of the Sunday school, their relatives and all friends who may feel inclined to accept of this generous hospitality which has been many times extended to the public.

In the meantime, around the cheery fire on the hearth in the ladies' parlor, will be enjoyed the social good time, which, by the way, is sure to be of such nature that it will not detract from the real spirit which should predominate at this season. Then, early after supper, all will repair to the auditorium, where special unique preparations will have been made for the reception of Santa, who will not only bring gifts with him, but will also "boss the job" of distributing others which his assistants have brought before.

Now, by way of explanation, this Santa will not be the one of mythical origin who was manufactured, legitimately enough for the enjoyment of childish imagination, and who can, if he chooses, enter our homes through the keyhole of our common doors, or who may choose to come down our old, sooty chimney, but, nevertheless, he will be a real Santa, so big and proud and particular that a special chimney must be made so roomy and clean that he can easily get down and out of the fireplace, simply because of the novelty of the entrance and to be in keeping with the methods of the good old harmless myth. No child shall go away with the impression of deception on his mind for it is neither necessary nor right. We are not going to pretend to have what we have not. Santa will be preceded by several recitations and vocal music.

On Sunday forenoon the topic will be Christmas Thoughts. Miss Gibson will sing The Star of Bethlehem—one of the most beautiful Christmas solos.

In the evening will be rendered the most spirited music we have ever had for this particular occasion. The program will consist of solos, duets, choruses, and recitations.

All are invited to enjoy these evenings with us, and especially are those children invited who have no church or Sunday school home.

ALBANY—VALLEY ROAD.

Maud Beckler is at home for the winter. On her way she visited her brother at Milo and her sister, Mrs. Mabel Cummings.

The drama was a success, each part being taken in a creditable manner. A full house greeted them, and words of praise were heard on all sides.

Mrs. Ed Blake visited Mrs. Harry McNally last week.

Mrs. Frances Wardwell and daughters Nellie and Olin were at Norway, Christmas shopping, last week.

Perry Farrington was in town recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Philbrook visited at W. B. Cummings' Sunday.

Fred Haselton who is at the Maine General Hospital, is reported as improving.

Edwin French is seriously ill of erysipelas.

George Cummings' family are sick of the prevailing epidemic.

Round Mountain Ladies' Club meets with Mrs. Nancy Andrews the 27th.

The L. R. T. Club meets with Miss Estella Bean the 28th.

Mrs. Geo. Grover spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Isaac Wardwell and family.

Christmas tree at the church vestry Monday evening.

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Vanishing Pomp.

How worldly pride kin pass away, I's takin' for my tex', What is a Christmas tree one day Is kindlin' wood de nex'.

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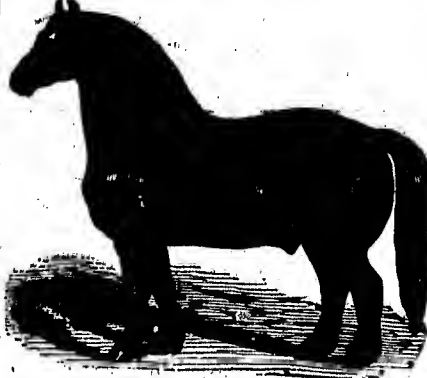
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